

REMARKS

In response to the restriction requirement, claims 1-10 are pending and claims 11-20 are cancelled.

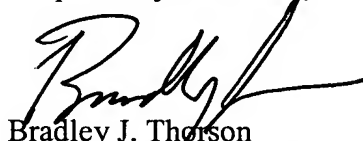
In addition to the restriction requirement, the Examiner has made a further requirement that Applicant must elect species as follows:

- A. Elect one structure for the membrane from **film** or **fiber**; and
- B. Elect one shape of the asperities from **cylindrical**, **cylindroidal**, **square**, or **polyhedron**.

Applicant respectfully traverses this election requirement on the grounds that Examiner has not made any showing as to why there would be a serious burden on the Examiner if election is not required. See M.P.E.P. 808. Nevertheless, Applicant provisionally elects, with traverse, the **film** structure from Group A and a **square** asperity shape from Group B. Claims 1-2, 4, 6, and 8-10 are considered to read on the elected species. Claim 1 is generic.

The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned if the Examiner believes it would be useful to advance prosecution.

Respectfully submitted,


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